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SUBJECT: GERMAN/BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT

1. SUMMARY: THE BRAZILIAN PRESS REPORTED ON JUNE 26-27
THAT: A) FRG PRIME MINISTER SCHMIDT SAID THE US DID NOT
OBJECT TO THE GERMAN/BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT DURING
HIS RECENT TRIP TO WASHINGTON, AND B) FOREIGN MIMISTRY
SILVEIRA REMARKED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER ASSURED
HIM THAT THE USG CONCURS IN THE AGREEMENT'S SAFEGUARD
PROVISIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE JUNE 26 EDITION OF RIO'S JORNAL DO BRASIL
REPORTS THAT, IN A JUNE 25 INTERVIEW, FRG PRIME MINISTER
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SCHMIDT CRITICIZED THE CONCERNS OF US POLITICIANS

WITH RESPECT TO THE GERMAN/AMERICAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND ACCUSED SOME LARGE US FIRMS OF CONTRIBUTING TO THE CONTROVERSY BECAUSE OF THEIR COMMERCIAL INTEREST. ACCORDING TO THE STORY, SCHMIDT ALSO COMMENTED THAT "THE USG UNDERSTANDS THE SUBJECT BETTER THAN SOME US SENATORS." BECAUSE THE USG DID NOT MAKE "A SINGLE CRITICISM" OF THE TRANSACTION." THE STORY QUOTED SCHMIDT AS SAYING, "I SUPPOST THAT THIS IS NOT OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE" TO THE FORD GOVERNMENT.

3. THE JUNE 27 EDITION OF BRASILIA'S CORREIO BRASILENSE REPORTED THAT SCHMIDT REMARKED ON JUNE 26 IN WEST BERLIN THAT THE FRG NEVER RECEIVED ANY US CRITICISM WITH RESPECT TO GERMAN/BRAZILIAN COOPERATION IN THE NUCLEAR ENERGY AREA. THE STORY ADDED THAT SCHMIDT, RESPONDING TO REPORTER'S QUESTIONS, SAID THAT PART OF THE PRESS AND SOME US POLITICIANS COULD HAVE AN INTEREST IN DEFENDING US COMPANIES, "HOWEVER, DURING MY RECENT TRIP TO WASHINGTON, THIS PROBLEM WAS NOT RAISED BY THOSE WITH WHOM I SPOKE."

4. THE JUNE 26 EDITION OF JORNAL DE BRASILIA CARRIED A STORY REPORTING THAT, ON THE AIRPLANE FROM THE IVORY COAST TO GERMANY, FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA LED REPORTERS TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE SCOPE OF THE DOCUMENT TO BE SIGNED ON JUNE 27 WITH THE FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL BE SUFFICIENTLY COMPREHENSIVE TO PREVENT US PRESSURES -- AT THE MOMENT QUITE UNEXPRESSED -- FROM BEING ABLE TO PREJUDICE THE FUTURE OF THE BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR PROGRAM. ACCORDING TO THE STORY, SILVEIRA PUT ASIDE INQUIRIES ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF THE US EXECUTIVE BRANCH MAKING EFFORTS TO CONVINCE GERMANY NOT TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL. THE STORY ADDED THAT SILVEIRA POINTED OUT THAT THIS QUESTION (OF US PRESSURES) IS NO LONGER RELEVANT SINCE SECRETARY KISSINGER HIMSELF, IN A COMMUNICATION RECEIVED IN THE LAST 48 HOURS, GUARANTEED THAT WASHINGTON CONCURRED IN THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT SINCE INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARD REQUIREMENTS WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE FULFILLED. THE JUNE 26 ISSUE OF O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO ALSO NOTED THAT SILVEIRA REFERRED TO A SIMILAR COMMUNICATION FROM WASHINGTON BUT SECRETARY KISSINGER WAS NOT MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY. CRIMMINS UNQTE INGERSOLL

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